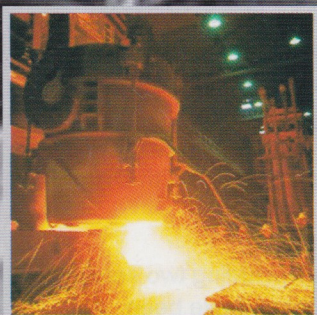


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July's News

» Vote-Fraud Council Chief is Immigration Boss

It shows how little concern New Labour gives to the postal voting scandal (see last month's Editorial) when they appoint the chief executive of Birmingham City Council as director general of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate at the Home Office. Lin Homer was heavily criticised by Richard Mawrey QC, in the case where six Asian Labour councillors in Birmingham were suspended for carrying out a "massive, systematic and organised" postal vote fraud which "would disgrace a banana republic". The judge said that as the returning officer, Lin Homer and her staff "threw the rule book out of the window" after being overwhelmed by the demand for postal votes.

Miss Homer had been accused by opponents of being too political and close to the former Labour leadership. Her reward from that leadership is to be made responsible for implementing a five-year strategy on immigration and asylum reform. The financial reward is £198,000 a year, with a fat pension. Home Office official John Gieve who announced the appointment said: "She will have a critical role in helping to improve public confidence in our immigration system". Who said civil servants lacked a sense of humour?

» 2.3m Londoners Move Out

Some 2.3 million Londoners have left the capital in the past decade for the outer suburbs and further south, according to a Halifax Financial Services report published 06.06.05. It said that the rate of population loss was increasing, although other reports show that much of this loss of 'aboriginal' Londoners is being made up by asylum seekers and other immigrants.

The South-East was the most popular destination for people to move to, with 2.25 million arriving between 1994 and 2003, but only

875,000 came from London. The South-West also experienced a large increase in population, with a net gain of 300,000 people, particularly from the West Midlands.

» Curing Scotland's Falling Birthrate?

Asylum seekers in Scotland are to be given free NHS fertility treatment on demand, which will mean they will have received treatment almost three times as quickly as many childless Scots couples even though the latter have paid into the NHS all their working lives.

» Silence On Yet Another Racist Killing

The News of the World, 12.06.05, is the only media outlet that reported the racist murder of Danny O'Connor, 23, in Ipswich last year. The report appeared on page 43 as part of a series 'Yob UK', and was not considered newsworthy enough even for the local paper, the *East Anglian Daily Times* or for local television.

The Ipswich lad was picked out for a random anti-white racist attack, probably because he was wearing an England football shirt, by Dulu Miah and a carload of other white-haters who followed Danny and his sister, screaming 'white trash' and 'scum' before attacking him. Miah attacked him from behind and punched him to the ground. He died in hospital after nine days in a coma following surgery for a blood clot on the brain. Only when enough evidence was gathered to raise the possibility of a murder charge did Miah agree to plead guilty to manslaughter. His sentence for killing Danny O'Connor was a pathetic three years.

The fact that Miah is a Muslim does not reflect on the many good Muslims in our midst, who are renowned for their peacefulness and gentleness to Christians although Nick Griffin did not make this point in his news report entitled 'Racist

killings the price of silence' that appeared on the BNP website (www.bnp.org.uk) on 12.06.05.

» No 'Colgate Smile' in Salford

The American owned toothpaste giant Colgate-Palmolive last month announced the loss of 400 jobs at its Salford factory and plans to shift production to eastern Europe, where labour costs are significantly lower. The Greater Manchester plant is expected to close by the end of 2007; another victim of the forces of free trade and global capitalism.

On the same day Chancellor Gordon Brown was addressing a union conference claiming that high-skilled, high-tech manufacturing was still "what Britain does best". He did not explain how this is contradicted by our loss of over a million manufacturing jobs since Labour came to power, with a loss of a further 92,000 industrial jobs in the three months to January 2005.

» Met Cops Charged With Drug Dealing

Seven people, including two serving Met police officers, have been charged in connection with a massive drug dealing conspiracy. Detective Constable Azad Azam, 35, and 21-year-old PC Kamran Khan have both been charged with wilful misconduct in a public office and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

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It's Immigration, Stupid

» When Bill Clinton was falling behind George Bush Senior in the 1992 presidential election campaign, one of his gurus came up with the slogan "It's the economy, stupid" to get the campaign on a winning tack. No sensible politician will deny that the health of a nation's economy is an important issue, and several pages were devoted to dealing with our economy in the BNP manifesto. However, when we read lengthy reports from the old parties' time serving journalists on housing, the NHS, crime, education or over-population, I am driven to paraphrase the Clinton era slogan and shout: "You've missed a key issue. It's immigration, stupid".

Imagine my surprise then when a *Daily Telegraph* editorial writer, 11.06.05, admitted what the BNP has been saying for years that Prescott's housing targets "almost exactly match the number of net immigrants into Britain". The writer backed this up by stressing that this was all happening at a time when our own birth rate has been falling for some 40 years. Of course, during the recent election campaign all the mainstream politicians continued to act "stupid" and ignored the concern of the people across the Midlands and the South of England that our countryside is being concreted over so that thousands of new people 'could be crowded in to new houses with no infrastructure to match, with schools over subscribed and hospital waiting lists growing ever longer.

Another outcome of our population expansion, which immigration alone will see reach 65 million by 2031, is that it is a principal cause in the rise in house prices. Figures from the National Housing Federation show that prices have increased by 125 per cent since 1997, but incomes have only gone up 18 per cent. Thus, young couples find it extremely difficult to get on to the housing ladder, unless both can work full time and put off having a family.

The number of homeless has now doubled since 1997 to reach nearly 400,00, and if you look at those trying to sleep in boxes or shop doorways in London and our other big cities you will see that almost without exception they are white!

Pressure on the NHS

The annual budget for our National Health Service is now approaching £80 billion a year, compared to £33 billion when New Labour first came to power in 1997. Countless acres of print and many miles of TV documentary footage have been devoted to trying to get an answer as to why this vast increase in the budget has not been matched by an improved service. Again, most reports seem to have gone out of their way to avoid mentioning the demands made on the NHS by immigrants, although they are ready to point out that many hospitals are now dependent on overseas nurses and even doctors, whom we are in reality stealing from the Third World peoples who are being further deprived of medical help.

Apart from many immigrants resident in this country



claiming every possible facility from the NHS although having paid few, if any, National Insurance contributions, little has been done about the scandal of 'health tourism' whereby foreigners from all parts of the globe come to Britain for free major operations. When asked why nothing was done about this the London borough of Haringey warned: "Any investigation into entitlement might lead to a charge of racism."

Then there is the escalation of HIV and Aids and also TB, mainly due to immigration. As long ago as March 2003 the London based Centre for Policy Studies published a report on a special investigation by Harriet Sergeant of the abuse of the NHS by foreigners not entitled to its services. She wrote: "Nobody entering the UK is required to take a health check. A diagnosis of HIV infection - far from being a bar to entry - is grounds for a successful claim of asylum and treatment for life. Immigration has now transformed HIV into a mainly heterosexual disease.

As one doctor in a GU clinic remarked: "Ninety-five per cent of our patients are now heterosexual and from Africa." In early 2003 there were 23,000 such cases, costing the NHS in excess of £345 million a year. It is now likely to be in excess of £500 million and will rise to nearly £10 billion over the lifetime of those being treated. The same report said that some 40 per cent of acute psychiatric beds in London were taken up by asylum seekers and other immigrants.

As for crime, even the politically correct Metropolitan Police admit that mugging is mainly carried out by young blacks. Gang rapes of white girls and young women are predominantly black and Asian (non-Hindu and non-Sikh) crimes. And so we could go on, for plenty of evidence has been published in *Identity and Freedom* to show that no one can discuss the inexorable rise of crime without mentioning the affect of immigration, unless they are really stupid.

John Bean



Welcome to Absurdistan: Part 2

» Nick Griffin continues his exposure of the Government-sponsored campaign to try to cripple the BNP. The first part of this shocking catalogue of attacks on democracy was published in our April issue.

Attacks on printers

When covering election campaigns in banana republics like Zimbabwe, the BBC often criticises attempts by "government-backed thugs" to intimidate printers or destroy their equipment in order to stop opposition parties producing campaign literature. Strangely, the BBC has repeatedly failed to expose the fact that this also happens in Britain.

Before the relatively recent rise in the popularity of the BNP, there was a time not so long ago when there was only one serious printer anywhere in the country who would produce material for nationalists. His printworks was gutted in an arson attack by one veteran 'anti' thug, Manny Carpel, a close associate of Gerry Gable and the 'ex'-Stalinist petty terror group *Searchlight*. This disreputable gang has for years been praised and aided by Labour MPs, and subsidised by Labour councils and Lottery Funding.

More recently, the same printer was charged under the Race Laws over a book he had printed for a customer literally years before. The fact that a printer clearly has no professional, moral or legal duty to read anything he prints, particularly a whole book, meant that he was able to get the 'case' thrown out. Yet this was a clear attempt by the New Labour Prosecution Service to intimidate not just him, but every other printer in the country, into refusing to handle Politically Incorrect material.

A number of other printers who have done work for the BNP have faced threats of demonstrations, violence and arson for doing so. A more serious threat to free speech and the statutory right of BNP members to publicise their views is hard to imagine.

Violence and threats of violence

Newcomers to the BNP are often amazed to find that virtually all party meetings are 'closed' meetings which no-one can attend without going to a 're-direction point', usually with CCTV



coverage, such as a station forecourt or supermarket car park.

They quickly learn that such cloak-and-dagger rendezvous are necessary on account of the way in which far-left thugs, local newspapers and the police all delight in finding out in advance the venues of perfectly lawful BNP meetings, then telephoning or visiting the venue owners. Threats of broken windows, arson or loss of bar licences are then used to persuade the owners to cancel the bookings.

The Blair regime is directly responsible for such attacks on democracy. The police in such circumstances are operating either under direct orders or in the 'culture' of leftist intolerance which has been drummed into the police force since 1997 in general, and since the Lawrence Report in particular.

In addition, the New Labour regime is also morally responsible for the actions of the far-left, whose bullies invariably operate under the banner of 'Unite'. This organisation provides a

flag of convenience under which all manner of Marxist fanatics break the law and attack democracy, and it is firmly backed by large numbers of Labour bigwigs, including Peter Hain and Ken Livingstone.

One recent stunt by these cowardly thugs was to threaten to throw bricks through the windows of a minibus full of handicapped Asian children, simply because its driver, Arthur Redfern, is a BNP councillor. West Yorkshire police refused to take any action against the culprits, despite clear evidence of the very serious offence of conspiracy to commit racially aggravated criminal damage, assault and attempted murder.

The mainstream media often talk of how dissidents in Zimbabwe face "Government-sponsored thugs", but they turn a blind eye when the victims are the British dissidents of the BNP.

Intimidation of private businesses

The same leftist thugs - many funded

with handouts of public money - also incite, inform and even carry out anti-BNP harassment, such as putting pressure on businesses not to deal with us. The victims of such intimidation against businesses simply trying to make money include everyone from Internet service providers to the firms providing the portable toilets we hire each year for our Family Festival.

Threats to sack BNP members

Civil rights groups quite rightly criticise repressive regimes overseas for creating a climate of fear in which people are sacked for the 'crime' of belonging to an opposition party.

Yet this is precisely what is happening with increasing frequency in Britain today, with the heads of the Prison Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers stating that BNP members will be sacked.

While he was Home Secretary, David Blunkett took time off from filling our country with asylum seekers to make a speech in which he opined that BNP members are "not fit" to hold jobs in the Civil Service. Under Blunkett's direction, New Labour Minister of State Hazel Blears issued an official order banning members of the BNP - a legal but rival political party to her own - from serving in the police force. The Tories joined in the same witch-hunt, with the head of the Conservative group on the London Assembly proposing that all BNP firemen should be sacked.

In fact, only a tiny proportion of BNP members have ever lost their jobs on account of their political beliefs. But the cases of high-profile victims of this intolerance, such as Kevin Scott and Simon Smith, are clearly intended to intimidate thousands of others into keeping their heads down and their mouths shut as the politicians give away our country.

'Political cleansing' in the unions

Realising that their grip on the unions is even weaker than the hold of the old parties on the loyalty of the electorate, various ultra-left union bosses are promoting an anti-BNP witch-hunt. The TGWU, for example, picking on BNP candidates John Walker and Dave Jones, union members for 17 and 30 years respectively.

This assault on the rights of all

workers to express their own political beliefs ran into a brick wall last year when the BNP Legal Department won Jay Lee's appeal against his expulsion from the rail workers' union ASLEF. The Government's response, however, was to 'legalise' such political persecution by dint of a section in the Employment Equality Act 2004, allowing for the expulsion of BNP members.

This disgraceful legislation enshrines in law both political and racial discrimination against the members of white ethnic communities who seek to organise to defend their group interest.

Government blocking appeals to the European Court

The institutionalised anti-BNP and anti-white bias within the Employment Equality Act would in all probability be declared illegal by the European Court. But it is all too likely that the Government will cover its own back by refusing to respond to the European Court's initial inquiries into any such case.

This refusal to respond has already blocked two attempts by our Legal Department to have anti-BNP discrimination examined by the Court. The case of Bradford council's refusal to hire a meeting hall to Bradford BNP Chairman Paul Cromie, and of the refusal of the Prison Service to consider BNP activist Clive Potter for a job, both clearly need to be judged under Human Rights guarantees at European level.

Bizarrely, however, the British government is entitled to block such cases simply by refusing to respond,

and the normally civil rights obsessed Blair regime has clearly decided to block any cases involving the BNP. This is in stunning contrast to the way in which the same Government responded to moves by the IRA to get cases involving bombers and murderers before the European Court.

As a result, judgements have been made against the British government and in favour of IRA prisoners with regards to methods of interrogation, and on the "right to life" of IRA killers plotting to bomb a British military band in Gibraltar. So a New Labour government that includes dozens of former Communist and Trotskyite supporters of Republican terror in the 1970s, is prepared to hand propaganda victories to today's IRA, but not to grant the chance of justice to peaceful campaigners for the wholly lawful British National Party.

Moves to deny BNP members an education

The head of the BNP's student organisation, Tony Wentworth, was physically attacked on campus, the leftist heads of the Students' Union organised demonstrations to have him expelled, and several lecturers refused to teach him.

Also at Manchester University, BNP activists Diane Stoker and Joe Finnon were banned from all union facilities, although this didn't stop Joe getting a very creditable 5% of the vote in a recent union election.

At the other end of the educational scale, members of the Young BNP Supporters' Club have been ejected from lessons merely for pointing out inconvenient historical facts, such as



HAZEL BLEARS: "Make sure you arrest some more BNP members"



Police surveillance takes many forms

the truth about the anti-white bigot and Communist fellow traveller Martin Luther King.

Police surveillance

We have heard from a number of different police officers, in various parts of the country, about a top-level national directive to all police forces ordering them to collect every scrap of intelligence information on BNP members. This includes the order to local Special Branch units to make the infiltration of BNP branches a top priority.

Such Big Brother political policing is only an intensification of a trend we have noted for some time. BNP activities are routinely openly videoed by police surveillance teams, and secret police cameras have been set up to cover local BNP meetings. Last year, for example, the owner of the Drake's Drum public house in Birmingham was approached by the police and bullied into letting them install a hidden video camera in his function room in order to record a perfectly legal BNP meeting.

Police harassment

A few years ago, a significant proportion of BNP meetings used to be cancelled following threats or pickets by far-left extremists. With the widespread collapse of the ultra-left, however, their threats are often so lacking in credibility that such tactics are no longer so effective.

These days, more meetings are

closed following interference from the police. Officers contact the venue owners and try to order them to cancel the bookings. Those who refuse are often threatened with problems such as police opposition to licence renewal.

In just the last few weeks, a new trend is emerging all over the country, with police officers contacting BNP organisers and informing them that, unless they provide the police with details in advance of all party meetings and activity, and secure approval for them, then they will not send officers to any trouble caused by left-wing or ethnic minority opponents.

In response to the obvious question as to what he would do if a meeting was held without his permission, the senior officer involved in such an approach in Bexleyheath, Kent, simply said that everyone attending would be arrested!

He also made it clear that, if he was told of any forthcoming meetings, he would immediately send officers to talk to the venue owners, with the result that they would almost certainly cancel the bookings. There is, of course, no law on the statute books giving police officers - the paid servants and guardians of the people - the right to decide which parties should, or should not, hold peaceful and lawful political meetings.

As this article is written similar attempts to impose police control over political meetings are taking place in a number of areas where there is strong and growing popular support for the British National Party, including areas where we have democratically elected

councillors, such as Bradford and Burnley.

Of course, the police would not at present dare to carry out their threats, and when we have refused to cooperate they simply slink away. The problem is not any difficulty they actually cause us, but the fact they think such threats are acceptable.

Police blind eye to mob violence

On several occasions however, senior police officers have deliberately allowed violent far-left mobs to attack key BNP members in the course of perfectly legal events during election campaigns. On the night of an important set of council elections in Oldham in 2003, for example, the police baton-charged a dozen BNP activists walking peacefully towards Chadderton Town Hall, but allowed a mob of around fifty aggressive leftists to occupy the Town Hall steps and to assault BNP members on their way in to and out of the count.

At the BNP press conference at the start of last year's European Election campaign, the officer in charge did everything possible to ensure that an extremely angry left-wing crowd was allowed to surround the vehicle carrying the President of the Front National, Jean-Marie Le Pen, and BNP Chairman Nick Griffin, away from the Cresta Court Hotel in Altrincham.

The handful of ordinary officers struggling to control the mob were under strict orders not to use their truncheons or pepper sprays, so that the resulting prolonged disorder could be filmed by the TV crews who had been given time to get set up ready for the confrontation by the police refusal to allow the BNP contingent to leave immediately after the press conference such events, of course, do not affect rank-and-file members of the BNP, but the fact that the police encourage opponents to attack party leaders is a Zimbabwe-style disgrace.

Police doctoring the news

Traditionally, the job of the police is to prevent crime and apprehend criminals. Last year, however, the head of West Yorkshire police took it on himself to appropriate the power to censor the news media in order to influence the outcome of the European election. He did this by pressuring



Channel 4 to postpone the broadcast of a documentary about Muslim paedophile gangs preying on young white girls in Keighley until after the election, and admitted openly that this was on account of the fact that the BNP was standing.

New Labour Prosecution Service

Behind Blair's politicised police force lurks the New Labour (sometime 'Crown') Prosecution Service and political interference from the Home Office.

Shortly after his arrest on totally trumped-up Race Law grounds earlier this year, BNP prospective parliamentary candidate for Shipley, West Yorkshire, Tom Linden was told that the CPS had told the police to arrest him. Such a thing is unheard of, as the normal procedure is for the police to take their evidence to the CPS and ask for authorisation for an arrest.

I was arrested as part of the same 'investigation' into our daring to speak our mind about the very real problems inflicted on the people of places like Keighley by the ruling elite's forcible imposition of a multi-cultural experiment. Following a farcical 'No Comment' interview, when there was nothing to be gained by trying to win my confidence, one of the officers involved admitted that the wave of arrests were nothing to do with the police. The pressure all came, I was told, "from the very top of Government. I've never seen anything like it before. They're trying to use this to close your party down, and I think it's disgusting."

Journalist Rod Liddle unearthed another interesting aspect of politicised legal procedure when he spoke to the Home Office about the possible impact of the Islamophile Government's proposals to outlaw the criticism of Islam. He was told that his freedom of speech would not be affected by the new restrictions, since he would still be allowed to write things in *The Sunday Times* that "Nick Griffin could not say in a pub in Bradford."

Such a person-specific 'law' is, needless to say, at odds with the very basis of the English legal system's demand for equality before the law. It will also be another nail in the coffin of freedom of speech and true democracy, since both are indivisible: Either everyone has free speech, and everyone enjoys democratic rights, or

no-one does. Freedom rationed is freedom murdered.

Institutionalised anti-BNP bias within the legal system has been a creeping cancer for some years. Following my arrest at the end of 1995 over allegations of having broken the Race Laws, the CPS appeared unable to decide whether to prosecute or not. When I asked one of their flunkies in the spring of 1997 what was happening, I was told that "because the case is political we are waiting to see who wins the next General Election." He couldn't have put it much more plainly than that, could he?

When the June 1997 election resulted in a New Labour landslide, I was duly prosecuted. My 'offence' of editing a non-PC magazine with a circulation of precisely 367 copies was committed from Wales. The newspaper which publicised the magazine was the *Wales on Sunday*. The allegation that I had broken the law was made by my local MP for Montgomeryshire, Alex Carlile, from his home in mid-Wales. I was arrested in December 1996 by Welsh police officers and taken to and questioned in the local police station in Wales.

And then I was tried for things I had written, without a shred of evidence that anyone had suffered in any way on account of it, at Harrow Crown Court at the end of April 1998, in the most liberal and ethnically 'diverse' area of London. So much for freedom of speech, so much for trial by one's peers, so much for justice not being delayed.

And now the 'law' has been toughened further to make criticism of the multi-racial experiment punishable by up to seven years in prison. Perhaps the best way to illustrate just what a threat this state of affairs is to democracy and freedom is to change just one word. Instead of outlawing words "intended, or, having regards to all the circumstances, likely to incite racial hatred," imagine the impact of a revised law outlawing words "intended, or, having regards to all the circumstances, likely to incite class hatred."

Gordon Brown wants to tax the rich? Throw the Labour class hater in jail for seven years! A Tory MP criticises dole spongers? Lock the reactionary swine up and throw away the key! Charles Kennedy says he stands for a more equal society?

That's an implicit attack on the wealthy and the better educated, seven years jug for the LibDem Thought Criminal!

Change just one word and a totalitarian nationalist government could use this wicked law to crush every other political party in Britain. And those who have called for the persecution of the BNP - or who have turned away and let it happen - would have only themselves to blame.

Luckily for British democracy, the BNP is committed to the abolition of *all* restrictions on freedom of speech, save for the ancient Common Law safeguards against immediate incitement to violence. We have a complete programme for the restoration and extension of democracy, including the introduction of Citizens' Initiative referenda with the power to bind government, and the ultimate guarantee against tyranny, the arming of all law-abiding citizens on the highly successful Swiss model.

But before we achieve the power we need to implement such urgently needed reforms and to give the British peoples the freedom we have so long been denied, we must overcome mountains of deceit, oppression and persecution. And there is undoubtedly worse to come as New Labour drops the liberal mask and becomes ever more openly totalitarian.

Hopeless? Far from it!

If the truly shocking list above leaves you depressed, either by the murder of British democracy or the mountains we must climb before we can bring it back to life, then it shouldn't. Better by far to turn the shock into anger, and the anger into determination to do something to help.

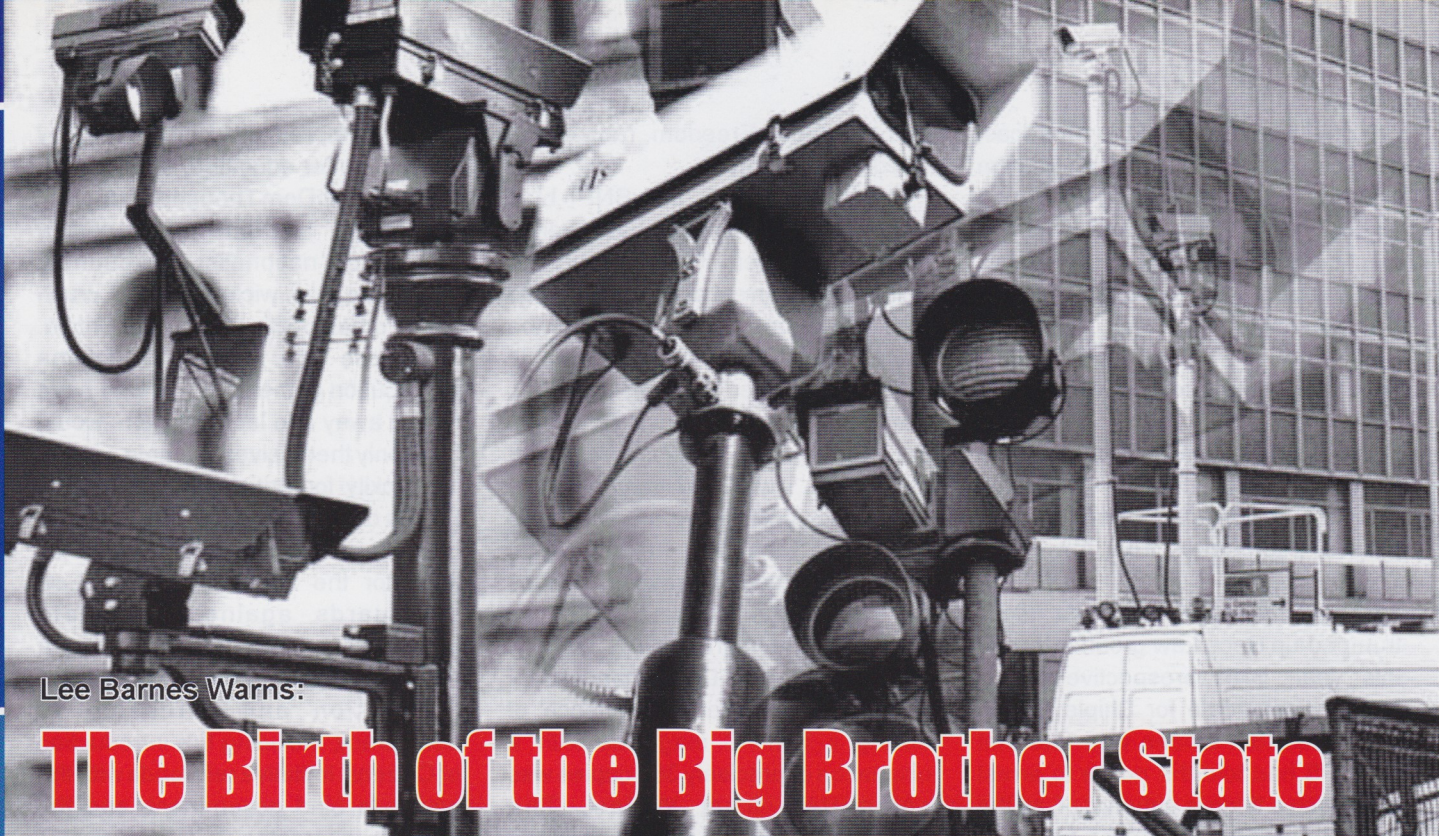
But with so much injustice weighing against us, isn't it hopeless? If it was, do you really think that so much effort would be put into stopping us? Such waves of petty and underhand repression are not the mark of a confident ruling class that believes implicitly in the inevitability of the victory of its own values and the wrongness of its opponents' cause.

They are rather the increasingly frantic lashings out of a dying System, ordered by moral and political pygmies who can see that the tide of ideas and history has turned. Why do they persecute us so? Because they are guilty, and scared. As well they should be.



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State Repression



Lee Barnes Warns:

The Birth of the Big Brother State

» "By the year 2005 the face of every second adult in the UK will be stored in a national government database" - *Daily Telegraph* 22/7/97.

» "The time has come to remind the villains that we are there. Use the cameras to search the street for likely looking individuals...zoom in and out, look for faces, potential suspects, potential victims, move the camera around from time to time to let them know you're alert" - Police Memo to Camera Operators.

Liberty is lost incrementally rather than suddenly, for it is in the interest of tyrants to disguise its theft through stealth. The issue of Climate Change is now the latest political method for politicians to obscure and smokescreen the theft of liberty in the name of saving the planet. Just as politicians hid the theft of our freedoms behind the facade of political necessities for hunting down German spies in the two World Wars and Communist agents in the Cold War, today they find the same excuse to steal away liberties behind the smokescreen of Climate Change.

British motorists are to face paying a new charge for every mile they drive in a revolutionary scheme to be introduced by the Labour government within two years. Drivers will have to pay according to when and how far they travel throughout the country's road network under the proposals being developed by Alistair Darling, the Secretary of State for Transport.

Each of Britain's 24 million vehicles would be tracked by satellite if a variable "pay-as-you-drive" charge replaces the current road tax. Figures contained in a government feasibility study have suggested motorists could pay up to £1.34 for each mile they travel during peak hours on the most congested roads. The government are once again using the old chestnut of 'Climate Change' as the motive for this erosion of our rights.

The fact is that the British state wants all cars registered and micro-chipped to monitor where people travel and to see where they are at all times. This is why the roads networks and cities of Britain are also to have

face recognition computers scanning the streets to monitor people 24 hours a day. It is to ensure that the State is able to monitor the population as it goes about its day to day business. It is also because the Government regard the people of Britain with contempt and therefore regard them as a threat to public order rather than the source of all their political power, as is usual in a democracy.

An estimated 4.2 million closed-circuit TV cameras currently observe people going about their everyday business, from getting on a bus to lining up at the bank to driving around London. It is widely estimated that the average Briton is scrutinized by 300 cameras a day. South Wales Police have photographs of 150,000 individual suspected or convicted criminals on their computer database; Essex police have a database of 90,000 offenders, and is trialling a scheme with a Scottish company, Forensic Technology Ltd, using picture overlays to match physical features. Photographic officers with Essex police suggest that "video overlays prove identification in a similar way to finger-printing, and in four or five years there will be a national system of facial recognition".

Ex-Home Secretary Jack Straw when in office ordered a £170 million package for installing CCTV systems across the UK enough for 40,000 cameras. There are over 4.2 million CCTV cameras in operation in the UK today, and the surveillance industry is worth £2 billion a year.

ATTACK ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

This CCTV society in Britain is the birth process of the Big Brother Surveillance State. It is an attack on our civil liberties and is costing us billions of tax-payers' pounds to ensure we lose our privacy to the State. The British State itself is undergoing an information gathering surge on private citizens that makes the repressive actions of the

KGB in the Soviet Union look like the actions of a liberal Utopia. The State will now be able to collect information on where we are, where we are going, where we have been, how long we have been in an area. This information will be available to the Police and sections of the State at the press of a button. We will have no right in law to access that information or edit it or find out who else has been accessing it.

The usual government excuse for ID cards and satellite tracking of cars is that these are essential to our nation's security. 'If you've got nothing to hide what does it matter?' the politicians say.

It matters to us all because our privacy is an essential part of our human dignity. And without human dignity there is no such thing as freedom. Add to this the fact that this information will be available to State agents who will use it for any nefarious activities they wish without any public accountability, we can all see it is a very big deal indeed.

If we allow the Government to impose ID cards on us and to allow satellites to track our location around the country then we are taking a big step towards a police state and losing our freedom: freedom that our ancestors treasured so much that we fought two World Wars and a Cold War to retain it.

Will the information from ID cards, car recognition computer systems and other microchip technologies containing satellite positioning and tracking technology be made available to the State and its agents whenever they want it? You can be assured they will.

We must now start to question as individuals and as a society about the direction towards a Big Brother CCTV State the government is taking us and ask - What is the moral difference between having a microchip embedded under your skin, being forced by law to carry a trackable ID card at all times, only being allowed to drive cars with satellite tracking chip in them, and having a tattoo of a number inked into your forearm?

It is only how the information is going to be used by the government in power that imposes those types of internal tracking technologies, both old and new, on its own people that differentiates them. When the Nation itself becomes a cage in which we are all watched 24 hours a day, then freedom itself is an illusion. Today the New Labour government says that they need this new surveillance technology to defend civil liberties, but the one thing that 20th Century history has taught us is that repression in the name of defending freedom is always the technique of the modern totalitarian.

Demographic Nonsense

» *Sophia Edwards, MSc, Mphil, shows that it is a fallacy to compare the booming birth rate of today's third world with that of 19th Century Britain and Europe.*

» For the last sixty years our Western governments, opposition parties, Third World aid charities, and academics (who should know better), have all been doggedly trying to sell us the notion that, if only we will help the underdeveloped countries to develop and industrialise, their high population growth rates will automatically decline, as they did in the Western world when it industrialised.

Thus we read, for example, in a recent UK Government pamphlet entitled 'The Rough Guide to a Better World' (Dept for International Development 2004), under the heading 'Developmentworks', that:

"...the claim that global population growth is the real reason that so many people remain poor...is a popular myth...when essential services like safe water and sanitation are provided, families choose to have fewer children." (3), p. 35)

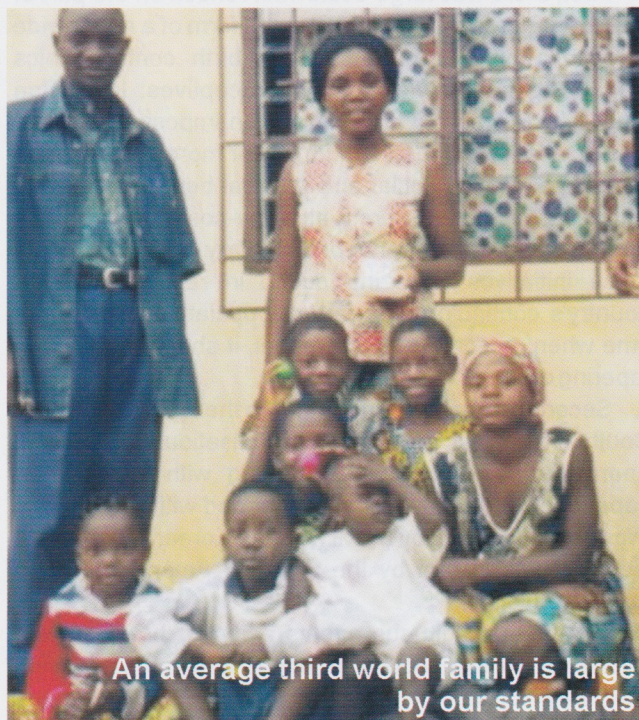
Significantly, the only evidence offered to back up this claim is a reference to what happened, one hundred and fifty years ago, in the West:

"For evidence, we have only to look at what happened in the UK in the 19th century." (Ibid.) (!)

This points up the fallacy of trying to apply a 'universal Western model' of industrialisation to the future prospects of developing countries in the 21st century: a practice which is both scientifically untenable and empirically unsubstantiated (which hasn't kept the government and NGO pundits from promoting it relentlessly).

The fallacy, in fact, is twofold:

(a) First, the model is distorted by the fact that the



Western European countries were able to offload a large part of their surplus industrial populations onto the Americas and the Antipodes (Australia and New Zealand) through large scale emigration to those places: an option that will not (let us hope) be open to the overcrowded Second and Third World countries of the 21st century, should they ever industrialise;



(b) Secondly, the populations of the present-day underdeveloped and 'developing' countries are artificially inflated by their access (however limited) to the products of the first, Western, Industrial Revolution; Western technology and medicine, in particular - anyone who doubts this would do well to reflect on the fact that the rates of population growth in the developing countries have been higher since World War II than they ever were in the industrialised countries. (4), p. 410

KOREAN EXAMPLE

Recently a new case of industrialisation by a non-Western country, the Republic of Korea, better known as South Korea, set demographic hearts aflutter, inasmuch as the South Koreans had managed to effectively go through the whole process of industrialisation in the short space of just thirty years, from 1950 - 1980.

At first glance, it seemed that South Korea was a prime example of the much-vaunted 'universal Western model' referred to above, having moved, as predicted by the model, from a pre-industrial high fertility rate to a lower industrialised rate (2.4 children per couple in 1984), with an intermediary stage of 'population bulge' in the early stages of industrialisation, as the death rate fell but the birth rate still continued apace.

However, a closer look at the South Korean case forced demographers to back-pedal and reject the 'universal' claim, as it became increasingly apparent that South Korea's industrialisation differed in two important ways from the standard 'universal' model; either of which would in itself invalidate it as an example of that model.

First, there was large-scale intervention on the part of the South Korean Government in the form of a nationwide family planning programme, with birth control clinics dispensing free advice and contraceptives; legislation legalising abortion; further legislation imposing a higher rate of taxation on couples with two or more children, and the suspension of social and medical benefits for those with three or more children; plus low-cost housing loans for couples who underwent voluntary sterilisation. All these initiatives were introduced in response to the country's continuing high rate of population growth at a time when, according to the model, it should have been tapering off.

Second, and equally important, is the special history of South Korea just prior to industrialisation: a period of enormous social upheaval, starting with decades of Japanese occupation which only ended with the Second World War, followed by a civil war (the Korean War), which was followed in turn by the post-war American military administration.

All these tumultuous events acted to break up the traditional Korean society, its bonds and values, leaving the way open for the new wealth created by industrialisation to be shared more or less equably amongst all strata of the population: which is more or less what happened (the Americans had already redistributed all former Japanese land-holdings).

Thus, per capita income in the newly-industrialised South Korea was everywhere just about the same for all, leaving no bottom or underclass to go on reproducing at a higher rate than the average rate for the country as a



South Korean capital Seoul, South Korean national flag (above)

whole: a very special case, indeed!

In a word, the new South Korea which rose from the ashes of the old was an exceptionally egalitarian society, one in which everyone had a more or less equal chance to 'make it' - so great, in fact, were the prospects of getting ahead in the new Korea that over a million Koreans who had emigrated abroad in the lean years eagerly returned to their homeland to resettle there permanently (yes, it does sometimes happen!)

So while the South Korean experience came as a surprise to demographers, and a rather pleasant surprise at that (if you disregard the fact that their population increased 2-1/2 times - as always happens - with industrialisation, and that they are now one of the world's most densely populated countries); the experience of other non-Western countries may prove to be more unpleasant.

The point is that in an overcrowded world, with the global population now more than double what it was in 1950, and still rising, we just cannot afford to go on making simplistic assumptions about what may or may not happen in a given country, or part of the world, based on some limited old models - be they 'Western', or, now, 'South Korean'. The West, we know, was a special case; and so, we now see, was South Korea. Common sense, and an appreciation of the uniqueness of every culture, could have told us as much.

Which just goes to show that common sense may be a better guide to government population policy than any demographic 'insight'!

The BNP's New 'Think Tank'



bnp ideas

» *Kevin Scott describes the objectives of 'BNP Ideas', where members can contribute to policy and organisational developments*

» The British National Party's latest initiative has been launched on the Party's website: www.bnp.org.uk. It is called 'BNP Ideas' and is our very own 'think tank', designed to utilise all the latent talent existing in the Party which has, up to recently, largely been allowed to remain dormant, at least in terms of policy development.

The thinking behind BNP ideas is to identify skills and talents amongst existing and new members, direct them towards existing or new party circles, involve them in campaigns and utilise any campaign ideas they may come up with, provide a 'clearing house' for party networking where members can communicate and ultimately meet. The objective also includes setting up policy forums where policy ideas can be 'hot-housed', discussed and developed with the opportunity to add to the existing circles and set up new ones.

A further aim is to sponsor fringe meetings at the proposed party conference where members with common interests can present their proposals to the wider membership before it is adopted by the leadership as accepted party policy.

The areas we are most interested in developing are:

Health

Education

Transport

Government and the Constitution

Housing

Justice and crime

Foreign policy and international affairs

Economics and taxation

Family and child protection

Culture, arts and sports

Energy and industry

Farming and the environment

Most of these subjects have been covered in the BNP 2005 General Election Manifesto (see party website), but there is room for amplification and possible modification in most areas. It may be that you have specialist knowledge



and experience in those areas or just a burning interest in one specific area of party policy which you feel has been neglected or needs developing.

In some instances, the party already has existing circles and structures, such as the rural affairs circle, Land and People, or the cultural and legal departments headed by Jonathan Bowden and Lee Barnes respectively, which can be bolstered by this process. In others, such as health, education, transport, justice and crime, submissions have already been made and are of the highest quality. A working group on economics has also been established. However, we need more members to join the process and add to those areas of policy where more thinking is need.

CORE VALUES ARE SACROSANCT

For the party to move from a populist protest party with strong core values, which remain sacrosanct, towards the ultimate aim of a modern, professional, radical traditionalist party preparing for government at both local and national level, we need our burgeoning membership and all the skills and talents they possess to help move the process forward. Formulating party policy should not just be the prerogative of one person. Indeed, it is unfair to expect one person to be the fount of all policy pronouncements. No serious, modern, expanding political party could operate in such a way. The leadership accepts that, so now is the time to prove the leadership's trust and confidence in you and help make 'BNP Ideas' work.

For those people who wish to contact 'BNP Ideas' with proposals or offers of help, please use one of the following contact methods. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Making the Wasteland Bloom Again

» *David Hamilton says that John Prescott and his Marxist housing planners are obsessed with treating the people as part of their abstract plans and no longer as individuals - which fits in with their multicultural objectives. The BNP must ensure that we halt this transformation from a natural society to an artificial society.*

» T.S.Eliot described our desolation in his 1922 poem "The Wasteland." Our towns and cities have been turned into mini New Yorks, with working class high-rise estates being based on Soviet schemes! This is a symptom of the attempt to transform us into an abstract plan.

Planners treat us not as living people but abstract persons, "consumers", while culture and history are utilised solely as sterile adornments, such as a statue of Robin Hood or mock Tudor supermarkets, to create an artificial sense of tradition and locality. This is part of the transformation from a natural society to an artificial society. Everything has to be streamlined for flat surfaces and geometric shapes without the cheering ornamentation which gave character and beauty to our traditional buildings. In property development schemes everything conforms to the plan.

"Rationalism in Architecture" creates artificial cities like modern Birmingham that make people feel out of place and spreads anomie and unhappiness. It has no grace, no charm; is cold, ugly, unwelcoming and brutal. History is wiped away in developments and identity destroyed in a muddle of styles taken from other places. For example, they are planning to have Gondolas on Birmingham's canals! Building on what we have in traditional succession maintains continuity and helps focus culture and identity. Our local governments are destroying something natural: places that are sanctioned by time and use where communities grew.

A pub called the Railway in Birmingham had no place in the concretisation of the abstract blueprint and was knocked down. This was despite its local importance as the venue where Led Zeppelin and Ozzy Osborne began their careers. After all, it is only cultural history! A little pub called the City Tavern, the only Victorian one left in Birmingham's deculturalised city centre, was also to be knocked down (to make way for a car park) until a protest saved it. What an appalling lack of respect for a city, its people and their heritage!

Near to the University of Birmingham was a traditional

down-to-earth greasy spoon where working-class people from the factory next door would go to eat, banter and abuse. It also attracted students. These mainly middle-class young people used to join in the banter and on Graduation day would often bring in their parents to show them where they relaxed. This was a genuinely warm, welcoming café and gave them experience of working-class people, but when the factory was demolished it had to go too, because it did not fit into the plan.

Cradley, a little town in the West Midlands, is about to have one side of the town centre demolished for a road to relieve congestion! What gives councillors, who are only elected by a minority, the right to destroy our towns and cities? This is the same wielding of tyrannical and irresponsible power without legitimacy that has destroyed nearly every town and city in the UK over the last 50 years. American tourists are appalled at the way councillors are destroying our culture.

Rationalistic plans for perfect worlds were born in the explosion of abstract and *a priori* ideologies which erupted in the French Revolution. It began the transformation of societies from natural to artificial. Utopian plans are suitable to the academic mind, they are not involved in the outside world, but some intermediary that gives them security: a text, a theory. It is idiotic that we live by world views and attitudes formed by unworldly academics who cannot cope with real life and hide away in universities! Practical wisdom develops from naivety through common sense - it is the journey of life.

ALTERING THE CHARACTER OF LIVERPOOL

In Liverpool a boast in the window of the 'regeneration office' reads: "Liverpool is changing". No - It is being changed! There are plans to completely redevelop the entire city, altering its character and scale. Liverpudlians have a natural culture and wit that should be cherished not stifled by inappropriate development which is not local scale. A feature of this city is that buildings are two or three

storey, which is human scale. However, there are plans for buildings of 21 stories on the water front which will make Liverpool more like everywhere else. The council boasts that Liverpool is unique, yet are undermining that uniqueness. This is the most famous English city in the world after London and has more modern history than anywhere: it is also the city that demolished the Cavern, where the Beatles started!

Some 30,000 habitable homes in Liverpool are to be demolished and replaced by homes outside the range of the dispossessed locals. This is not the first time that 'Scousers' have been moved out.

In the 1960s and 1970s new towns were built to take what is called 'overspill'. These schemes were developed in abstract and look exciting on the plan but in practice are usually ugly and inefficient. Skelmersdale was built on the Radburn principle of design layout. It was designed to separate vehicles from pedestrians with a system of courtyard layouts and cul-de-sacs emerging off spine streets, which lead to disproportionate costs in street cleaning, refuse collection, ground and street furniture maintenance and, particularly, policing. It was built on an old coalfield, which causes an enormous need for ground remediation and rehabilitation for any development that takes place. It was constructed around a series of "cloughs" which are deep clefts in the moor side that go down into the middle of the town. They are a great environmental asset but are extremely costly, as they disrupt the transport systems.

DISASTROUS EXPERIMENTS

It was built using innovative and experimental building techniques which proved disastrous, needing expensive remedies. Many houses were built with central heating outlets in the ceiling. The fact that heat rises was ignored, so the bedrooms were heated moderately well but not the downstairs rooms. One can put a hand through the wall because the houses' metal frames are corroded and the concrete slabs have collapsed. As Edmund Burke noted: If an idea is good in theory but not in practice, it is a bad idea.

Because we are seen as abstractions and not real people with emotions, needs and attachments planners do not care what they do to us. A comparison with the dispossession of the Canadian Eskimos, the Innu, is appropriate. In 1993, Canadian television showed children sniffing gasoline and shouting they wanted to die. They have the highest suicide rate of all peoples since they were deculturalised and forcibly transformed into Canadians, as we are forcibly transformed into a 'mongrel society' and like us, they are having their past erased and being offered nothing for the future. Despair has set in.

Many of the 5,000 Innu are addicted to alcohol and sniffing solvents, they are victims of government policy, which destroyed their traditional structures for survival, and bonding - as ours have been. The destruction of the Innu people by the Canadian Government is comparable in kind if not degree to what is being done to working-class people here. One only has to walk around our Sovietised estates to see our de-culturalised underclass, sniffing glue, injecting heroin and looking for victims to take advantage of. Aimless, lacking in self-respect, without tradition or a sense of being part of something, they prey

on their own people. The difference is that tribes are being destroyed by people from other ethnic groups, while we are being destroyed by our own rulers who hoodwinked us into thinking they were representing our interests.

If anything has destroyed faith in democracy it is local Government. It does not matter where you go in the country, if there are buildings being demolished the locals spontaneously reply: "They took a bung." A new book "*The History of Halesowen*" by Julian Hunt (Phillimore.2004) relates how in the development of the late 50s-early 60s, three councillors were local builders and the Mayor in 1957 was a demolition contractor! Every week in local papers all over the country you will find a picture of a local councillor standing by a building of local interest that he is helping developers demolish for a scheme that will last 10 years and again need redeveloping - and beaming proudly! Those in power must take personal responsibility for their actions as we are expected to.

Our councillors are only elected by a minority of voters in most cases and cannot pretend to be representative. They get their status from office but once elected act as agents for developers against the interests of those who elected them. Local Government is now a copy of the Parliamentary system, with cabinets and wages which creates loyalty to the party, not community. Councillors do not feel obliged to consider the interests of the community. The money they get is taken from local people by law in council tax payments and the reciprocal bond between voters and elected is sundered.

In "*England - An Elegy*" (Pimlico. 2001), philosopher Roger Scruton lamented the destruction of our towns, cities and countryside and reminisced on how his late father Jack, an old-style Socialist, had lamented before him: "The proof that England is in enemy hands, my father told me, can be found by looking out of the window. Behold the desecrated townscape of High Wycombe, once a thriving market town with its streets of half-timbered houses in which people lived and carried on their business, now a soulless waste of empty office blocks..."

We must restore our town and city centres and historical buildings to the way they were before councillors and developers destroyed them; defend local communities against dispossession and revive neighbourliness. Former councillors have told me about corruption and backhanders and this is what we must expose to make way for people who will defend our communities, not exploit them.





Worker Ownership in a Capitalist Economy

» *The old socialist dream has died, says Alan Goodacre, killed by its failure to deliver adequate results, outside the provision of universal public services like the NHS. But many of the reasons that originally motivated Britain to pursue socialism still hold true. Foremost among these are a desire for greater economic equality and better economic performance.*

» The BNP does not subscribe to the old Marxist fantasy of absolute equality, but we do believe in an economy that has no more inequality than what is necessary to make the economy function and respect legitimate property rights. We support a number of policies designed to reduce economic inequality, such as a "hard industries" policy that takes seriously the value of advanced manufacturing, which tends to pay its ordinary workers well. But foremost among our nation-building is our commitment to furthering worker ownership in the mostly-capitalist society that is inevitable for the foreseeable future.

By worker ownership, we envisage no Leninist drama, but instead workers gradually becoming the owners of the businesses they work for in the same way that outside investors do today: through purchase of the shares of the company in question. The standard term for this is an ESOP or Employee Stock Ownership Plan. There are already companies that work this way to varying degrees.

Since workers already need to save part of their salaries and accumulate assets in order to pay for their retirement, there exists a natural source of capital to "buy" companies for workers and there is no need to forcibly expropriate existing owners. If this source of capital is too small, it is already known that raising the national savings rate is beneficial, so there are good policy grounds for creating incentives for workers to save a higher percentage of their incomes.

But pension savings are not the whole story. There are actually *four* major potential sources of funding for buyouts of companies by their workers, listed below in order of the difficulty of using them:

1. Existing pension savings;



2. Capitalised deductions from future salaries, in essence the workers borrowing to buy the company;

3. Capitalised capture of the performance premium of Worker Owned (WO) companies, in essence the anticipated superior performance of a company once under worker ownership generating funds to buy the company;

4. Government funding.

Worker ownership can be very good for corporate performance and worker wages. In the USA, the average ESOP company wage is 12% higher than the average company wage (Source: *Employee Ownership: The New Source of Competitive Advantage*.

Beatty & Schacter). A study by the National Centre for Employee Ownership published in the September 1987 *Harvard Business Review* found that participative ESOP firms grew 8% to 11% faster with their plans than they probably would have without them.

Employee ownership can help anchor capital in high wage areas and prevent factories from fleeing overseas to find cheaper labour. Employee-owned firms tend to produce more secure jobs, both because they prioritise jobs and because they have higher rates of reinvestment of profits than conventional firms.

But if worker ownership delivers such excellent results, why doesn't everyone do it? For a start, capitalists

would like to keep workers in a subordinate position, and socialists pretend otherwise but actually would like to do the same by placing industry under government control, i.e. control by socialist politicians like them. Furthermore, worker ownership is difficult to make work because it requires both employees and employers to change long-held assumptions about how they do business.

In other words, worker ownership is not "too good to be true," but offers great rewards for workers and nations that can rise to its challenges.

Empirical research on WO companies has made clear that it is not enough for workers to simply own all or part of a business; they must *participate in management* for superior performance to come about. This requires that workers who have spent years being passive obeyers of management orders (perhaps with a union to protect them from abuse) suddenly must make the effort to actually understand the business, how it makes a profit, and how it should be run. Workers can't meaningfully control things if they don't know what they're doing! Not only does this require a profound change of thinking, it also requires work whose payoff may not come for years, since it takes time for improved company performance to show up in profits that can then be paid out as improved wages.

SHARING THE BENEFITS

So how does employee ownership deliver superior performance?

Research indicates the key mechanisms are:

1. *It gives workers a better work attitude.* People work harder, and smarter, when they know they will share in the benefits. Industrial bloody-mindedness is rare when it would only cause workers to steal from themselves. This means fewer strikes; less absenteeism, lower supervisory costs, and a greater willingness of workers to help management improve productivity;

2. *Worker participation improves the quality of management.* Workers on the factory floor often know things about what works and what doesn't that management doesn't know, but if they see no financial gain in revealing this knowledge, they won't. But if they are part-owners in the company, it's a different story. Worker-owned companies are thus more cooperative about the introduction of labour-saving and productivity-improving technology, something that is more important than ever in our increasingly high-tech world;

3. *Worker-owned companies have a natural bias to the long term,* as opposed to the short-term bias of the British corporate world, which is always worrying about making next quarter's profit numbers to satisfy the stock market. Short-termism is especially fatal (and long-termism especially beneficial) in a high-tech world where years of expensive research & development are needed to establish the competitive advantage

that will pay off in actual profits far into the future.

Worker ownership also provides significant benefits to the existing owners of the company:

1. *It helps attract and retain good employees.* Many small businesses have trouble attracting and retaining good employees. Making employee ownership an employee benefit can help, particularly because this doesn't cost the business immediate scarce cash, but gives the employees a financial payoff as the business itself grows and their shares in it become valuable;

2. *It can buy out a retiring owner.* In almost every small business, the owner or owners will eventually want to leave. Often no family member or colleague can take over and there are no buyers willing and able to buy the business at a reasonable price. Selling the business to employees can be a way out of this dilemma;

3. *It enables shared entrepreneurship.* Starting or running a small business is difficult. Many people find that sharing the responsibilities of ownership with others lessens these burdens. Partial ownership is needed to make it worthwhile to employees to take on fundamental responsibility for the viability of the business.

4. *It helps raise capital.* Employee ownership can help provide additional capital. Employee owners may be willing to contribute to the company by buying shares or taking lower short-term wages in return for stock;

5. *It brings tax benefits.* Certain employee ownership structures qualify for tax benefits. ESOPs provide attractive tax benefits.

Worker-owned companies naturally grasp the dual purpose of capitalist enterprise: to make a profit for the investor *and* to create good jobs for the workers. This tends to make them instinctively have the right attitude towards capital investment, human capital, and the place of corporations in society at large.

Experience has shown that contrary to what some businessmen fear, worker-owners do *not* tend to





irresponsibly allocate themselves raises the business cannot afford. They learn quickly the trade-offs between short-term pay and long-term survivability. They tend to respect management's legitimate areas of expertise.

Worker ownership has enormous upside potential, but it is *not* a panacea. In particular, one can't just institute it by political fiat and then forget about it, assuming that it will take care of itself and work out its own problems. Worker ownership should be viewed like the Thatcher privatisations of the 1980s: a needed opportunity to improve our economy's performance and the pay of the average worker, but something requiring great care in implementation if it is not to turn sour.

LONG TERM

In particular, worker ownership must not become a policy championed, as Thatcherism was towards its end (Railtrack, anyone?), for purely ideological reasons, ignoring the details of implementation and questions of appropriateness to a particular company. Worker ownership takes a huge amount of follow-through to make its benefits appear, and companies and their employees must commit to a long-term ownership culture.

Research has shown that the key pitfalls to avoid are:

1. *The problem of building trust.* All labour relations are improved as the degree of trust between managers, workers and the union grows, but in ESOP companies the business will probably fail if a high degree of trust cannot grow quickly;
2. *The problem of building effective employee participation.* Once they become stockholders in their companies, employees typically expect to "have more say about how this place is run". If they don't get an opportunity to do that, labour relations will degenerate, and all other problems will become more difficult to solve;
3. *The problem of competitive pressure.* Many companies bought out by their employees are victims of financial distress - often worker ownership was brought in to save the



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jobs at stake. Their capital needs may be greater than their competitors. Their managers may be less well paid. Their labour time per unit of product may be greater. Their quality may be poorer. Any or all of these problems arising out of negative histories may afflict such companies, so they're fighting an uphill battle from the start;

4. *The problem of lack of training in accounting, finance and business,* which affects not only workers but non-financial managers and union representatives. Knowledge of the firm's successes and failures cannot be communicated widely among the worker owners unless they are taught some basic accounting and finance. Without that knowledge they cannot be expected to make rational or even meaningful decisions. Workers may not enjoy poring over computer printouts of sales figures over the kitchen table in an effort to figure out how the company should be run;

5. *The problem of moral evasion.* Some fat-dumb-and-happy drones of the consumer society won't like the fact

that worker ownership means taking responsibility for one's own livelihood and not having "the bosses" to blame when something goes wrong. It means union bosses must become practical problem-solvers who figure out how to make companies thrive, not just grievance-brokers, and it means they can be caught wrong if they fail.

Realising Ideals

Full-fledged worker ownership would simultaneously realise the highest ideals of both capitalism and socialism. Although capitalists today rejoice in the fact that Britain today has a mostly-capitalist economy, they fail to notice that in fact, only a small percentage of the population are truly capitalists, in the sense of owning meaningful capital and making their living by it. We would like to make almost every worker eventually a capitalist in this sense. And although socialists claim that socialism means worker control of industry, in fact it never has: it has meant state control, and the workers being lectured on how it's all being done for their benefit.



Rule Britannia - Stirring Songs & Patriotic Music

» *Music chosen for its thrill factor: From trumpets and drums to soaring choral voices, this programme has a 'Last Night of the Proms' feel. It features the great and the good of English music of the past including Handel, Holst, Elgar and Walton.*

» We unfurl a splendid tapestry of British music that will reveal our innate pride and patriotism. It spans the centuries from the Restoration to our second Elizabethan age and features music which is dear to the hearts of everyone who inhabits 'this sceptre'd isle'.

We celebrate our heritage and heroism through the imagination of composers to whom this country meant a great deal - music, which carries an echo of history, and with which Britons celebrate their great national occasions, both solemn and joyful.

Our Collection opens on a suitably triumphant note with the anthem that Hubert Parry wrote for the Coronation of King Edward VII in 1902, I Was Glad. Its text is taken from Psalm 122 and it has become a valuable addition to the British choral repertoire.

It is difficult to imagine the great occasions of Church and State without the sound of the trumpet. Never was there a time of more extravagant splendour than the Restoration. Jeremiah Clarke was one of many composers who flourished in this new and enlightened age. His name has become immortalized by the famous Trumpet Voluntary which remains a staple part of English ceremonial music.

One of our greatest English composers, who is indelibly linked with the Reformation, is Henry Purcell. He composed a great deal of theatre music as well as providing music for the coronations of King James II and King William III. He perfectly understood what was required for moments of solemnity or pageantry which is grandly displayed in his Trumpet Tune and Air.

The Promenade Concerts, more familiarly known as 'The Proms', will celebrate their 111th season next year. It is an English musical tradition that has become the envy of the world. One of the fixtures of its Last Night is Jerusalem, the stirring anthem that Parry composed in 1916 to William Blake's poem. Its patriotic sentiments are mirrored in the hymn 'I Vow To Thee My Country' sung to the great melody in Jupiter, The Bringer of Jollity, from 'The Planets'. This tune alone would have secured fame for its composer Gustav Holst.

Another traditional event is Remembrance Sunday, annually held at the Cenotaph. Before the service, massed bands play music associated with the British Isles, both stirring and reflective. The dignity and solemnity of Nimrod, one of the movements from Elgar's 'Enigma Variations', not only matches but enhances the mood and feeling of a moving ceremony that honours the



Track Listing:

1. I Was Glad Sir Hubert H Parry (1848-1919)
2. Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)
3. Imperial March Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
4. O Noble England William Byrd (c.1539-1623)
5. Jerusalem Sir Hubert H Parry
6. The Planets: Jupiter Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
7. Trumpet Tune & Air Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
8. Fireworks Music: Finale George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
9. Most Sacred Queen Elizabeth William Byrd
10. Crown Imperial Sir William Walton (1902-1983)
11. Land of Hope and Glory Sir Edward Elgar
12. Rule Britannia Sir Thomas Arne (1710-1778)
13. The Water Music: Hornpipe George Frideric Handel
14. Rejoice unto the Lord William Byrd
15. Nimrod (Enigma Variations) Sir Edward Elgar
16. 'Spitfire' Prelude & Fugue Sir William Walton

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men and women who gave their lives for our country.

It is to Sir Edward Elgar, again, that we look to for a work whose central theme King Edward VII rightly predicted would 'go round the world'. Elgar was part of the Edwardian era which was proud of what it saw as its imperial destiny.

Like his musical ancestor, Purcell, he was the provider of music for great regal occasions and his 'Pomp and Circumstance March No.1' has become his most famous composition. With the words of A.C Benson's Land of Hope and Glory linked to the march's main melody, it has become Britain's second National Anthem.



Mugabe Brings Murder & Mayhem to Zimbabwe

» The following article, submitted by Sokwanele of Zimbabwe, describes the victimisation of one man, Roy Bennett, who has been standing up to the tyranny of Mugabe. The importance is that Roy Bennett is a Member of Parliament for the opposition Movement for Democratic Change which is supported overwhelmingly by black Zimbabweans, now the victims of Mugabe's latest acts of mayhem and murder.

» Last month two of South Africa's foremost constitutional lawyers appeared in Zimbabwe's Supreme Court to mount the most serious legal challenge yet to the continued incarceration of the country's celebrated prisoner of conscience, Roy Bennett. Appearing on Bennett's behalf were Advocates Chaskalson SC and Gauntlett SC. The court's decision will not be known until June 28th.

Roy Bennett was elected Member of Parliament for Chimanimani constituency in the 2000 Parliamentary elections. He is a leading member of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) party who enjoys a huge popularity among his rural, almost entirely black, constituents.

Fluent in the vernacular he was, until his forcible ejection from his farm in the eastern highlands, a successful coffee farmer, and respected as a good employer who had the interests of his employees very much at heart.

Prior to the year 2000 he had been a staunch supporter of Mugabe's ZANU PF but, in response to the increasing levels of corruption and nepotism in the ruling party, he threw his weight behind the fledgling opposition movement. Despite receiving death threats from senior ZANU PF politicians, a police commander and the local Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) boss, Bennett stood for the MDC and won by a huge margin. He could hardly have imagined then the cascade of persecution which would follow, not only for himself and his family but for employees and those associated with him in any way.

The record from 10/05/2000 onwards shows a catalogue of vicious crimes directed against them by state sponsored agents. His farm, Charleswood Estate, suffered no fewer than 89 illegal invasions.

RAPE AND PILLAGE

Roy Bennett himself was arrested twice illegally and assaulted three times. His wife, Heather, then pregnant, was abused and held hostage with the result she lost her baby. Three young female employees were raped. A 24-year-old employee was murdered and another was shot and wounded. Bennett's farm manager's house was burnt to the ground. Over 800 men and women (employees and their families) were chased from their homes. 700 head of cattle were stolen, others were axed and speared to death. The proceeds of 150 tonnes of coffee were stolen. The family home was looted and trashed.

While all this mayhem was continuing on his farm



Bennett obtained no fewer than seven court orders upholding his legal rights to the property. Yet those orders were contemptuously ignored by the ZANU PF leaders who continued with their plundering and illegal occupation. Chief among the opportunist politicians to defy court orders and profiteer at Bennett's expense has been Major General Mike Nyambuya, the ZANU PF governor for Manicaland. The ruling party has carried out a systematic campaign of violent persecution against Bennett, stripping him of his home, his farm and his livelihood, while at the same time inflicting huge suffering on those close to him. ZANU PF's coup de grace was to remove Bennett's liberty and deprive his constituents of their elected representative in Parliament.

On 18 May 2004 there was an incident in Parliament. The Attorney General, Patrick Chinamasa, engaged in a verbal attack on Bennett. He, the government's chief legal adviser whose administration was openly flouting the law, taunted the Member of Parliament for Chimanimani that his white ancestors were thieves and murderers. The irony could not have been greater.

Unfortunately it proved just too much for Bennett, who responded by pushing Chinamasa to the floor. A brief scuffle ensued in which Bennett himself was assaulted and kicked while he lay on the floor by another ZANU PF MP, Didymus Mutasa.

The rest as they say is history. Parliament duly set up a Committee under the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of Parliament Act to investigate the incident. The composition of the Committee reflected the balance of power in Parliament, there being three ZANU PF members and two MDC.

All concurred that Bennett was guilty of a contempt of Parliament but thereafter the Committee and Parliament split on party lines. The ZANU PF members of the

Committee recommended a penalty of unprecedented severity, namely imprisonment with hard labour for 15 months, with three months suspended. The MDC members of the Committee voted against imprisonment. The report was referred to Parliament which, despite hearing an unconditional apology from the offending MP, voted, again on strictly party lines (53-42), to carry out the recommended sentence.

In effect therefore, ZANU PF which was the complainant and had a direct interest in the case, had set up the investigating committee, had dominated that committee and again had dominated Parliament which received and acted on the committee's report - thereby ensuring the outcome desired by the party.

ZANU PF had abrogated to itself the right to be informant, prosecutor, witness, judge and jury - yes, and executioner too! It was a blatant case of political and racial bias. The ruling party had abused its Parliamentary majority in order to indulge its hatred of the man whom, more than most, it loves to hate. In so doing it stood in breach of the most fundamental tenets of natural justice.

INCARCERATED

Which is where the lawyers come in. Since October last year Roy Bennett has been languishing in one or other of Mugabe's filthy, over-crowded, germ-infested prisons. He is now held at the Chikurubi maximum security prison in which conditions are among the worst in the country. He has lost 27 kilograms in weight and is a gaunt shadow of his once robust self. Family and friends are very concerned about his health within this unhygienic environment in which the only food prisoners receive is said to be unfit for human consumption.

Meanwhile his lawyers have mounted a number of legal challenges to his continued incarceration. The record to date shows interminable delays, postponements and plain procrastination by those charged under the Constitution with ensuring a ready access to justice for subjects whose rights have been infringed.

Bennett's defence has been on the grounds that he was denied the impartial hearing to which every accused is entitled. It is a part of their case too that the members of ZANU PF who convicted and sentenced Bennett themselves had a direct interest in the decision they were making - since by preventing Bennett from sitting in the House they created a vacancy in his constituency. (In fact Bennett was subsequently disallowed from standing for the seat in the Parliamentary elections on March 31).



The lawyers are expected to point out how undesirable (and prejudicial) it was that the two Zanu PF MPs involved were allowed to remain in Parliament and vote to convict and sentence Bennett, without Parliament having any regard to the question of their own culpability. In essence the case for Bennett is that he was a victim of a well-orchestrated plan to fix him by ZANU PF, for which their Parliamentary majority provided the means. This raises issues of political oppression and racial discrimination which, within the current tense political climate in Zimbabwe, are extremely sensitive to say the least.

The Supreme Court will also be asked to consider whether the punishment meted out was not grossly disproportionate to the offence. For such an offence of common assault by a first-time offender a criminal court would normally impose only a modest fine or even a caution and discharge.

Considering the provocation suffered by Bennett and the unconditional apology he offered, the sentence imposed was all the more inappropriate.

Another constitutional point to be argued before the Supreme Court concerns the validity of Section 16 of the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of Parliament Act, which Bennett's lawyers will say violates the crucial constitutional principle of the separation of powers between the legislature and the judiciary.

This case therefore brings squarely before Zimbabwe's highest court matters of the utmost importance concerning a citizen's constitutional rights to liberty and to a fair trial in respect of any offence with which he is charged. It calls into question the use by the ruling party of the Parliamentary majority they enjoy in order to "fix" a member of the opposition who may have incurred their particular displeasure.

All the freedom loving people of Zimbabwe who salute Bennett as a champion of truth and justice, welcome a just outcome. The nation stands ready to support this courageous warrior for truth and justice who has suffered so grievously in the struggle for freedom. But as we have indicated the issues raised in this case go considerably further than Roy Bennett and his immediate right to liberty.

It is widely acknowledged that most of the Judges of the Supreme Court owe their present position to political patronage rather than to any great legal acumen or judicial experience.

Nevertheless it is to be hoped that on this occasion at least when the eyes of the nation are upon them, and they are under the intense scrutiny of the international legal fraternity, as represented by the eminent South African Counsel who will be representing Bennett, that Chief Justice Chidyausiku and those sitting with him will remember that they are charged and required under the Constitution to dispense justice to all with fear or favour.

In the final analysis it is they rather than Roy Bennett who are on trial in this instance, and though their past record gives one little hope they will have the judicial courage or independence to stand up to an overbearing Executive or a compromised Legislature, let us hope that in this case sheer legal professionalism will prevail. If it does not, then the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe will have shown the world it can no longer be regarded in any sense as the guardian of the rights and freedoms of ordinary Zimbabweans.



John Bean's Nationalist Notebook

BNP Takes Over Old Labour's Role

New Labour is contributing to the rise of the BNP in town halls by ignoring white working class voters, a former Downing Street advisor has warned. John Cruddas, who advised Tony Blair on relations with trade unions, said that the white working class felt disenfranchised because New Labour was targeting the middle classes. "The BNP is taking a rational approach to the political repositioning of New Labour", he said in an interview last month in the *Guardian*. He added: "The white working class is beginning to develop an allegiance with the far right; the Labour party has, in their eyes, deserted them". This statement is important because it shows that the tactics of the present BNP leadership have been proven right. John Cruddas is the Labour MP for Dagenham in East London, where BNP candidate Lawrence Rustem gained 2870 votes, 9.3% of the poll, in May's General Election and Richard Barnbrook took the BNP percentage up to a General Election record of 16.9% in Barking.

Other Labour MPs have also seen the writing on the wall and expressed concern at the expanding inroads the BNP is now making in traditional Labour areas. Ann Cryer, who beat off the challenge - this time - from Nick Griffin in Keighley, said she was worried that if Tony Blair remained leader the BNP would gain more seats and possibly take the balance of power in Bradford. We cannot see that this potential threat to New Labour would be altered if Blair gave way to Gordon Brown. Denis MacShane, the Labour MP for Rotherham, where the BNP won almost 2,000 votes, said the BNP had taken advantage of politicians failure to "transform the lives of too many white working class people in poorer estates".

Another significant comment in the *Guardian* report was this:

"People see how the government has tacitly used immigration to help develop its preferences for a flexible North American-style labour market. In the service sector, construction and civil engineering, for example, immigration has been used as an informal reserve army of cheap labour. People see this at their workplace, feel it in their pocket and see it in their community - and therefore perceive it as a critical component of their own relative impoverishment."

This aspect of immigration holding down wages is supported by the Tory Party and most of the establishment, including its Lib-Dem sector. This was made perfectly clear by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn King speaking at a dinner in Bradford on 13th June, and was reported on the BNP website by Lee Barnes. Amongst the fat cats present an even fatter cat was let out of the bag when Mervyn King, speaking in favour of immigration, said: "The Home Office estimates that 120,000 workers have entered the UK from the new member countries of the European Union between March 2004 and March 2005. Without this influx to fill the tight labour market, it is likely earnings (for British workers) would have risen faster, putting upward pressure on the costs of employers." Among those 'costs' would have been

higher wages.

Readers can now see why certain business tycoons have been giving New Labour financial backing. To give one classic example, Venture Capitalist and regular Labour Party donor Sir Ronald Cohen, gave Labour £250,000 in the last week of May's election campaign.

One more thing: When we emphasise the BNP's role in looking after the neglected white working class, then it certainly does not mean that we are not concerned with the support also coming from the disillusioned, patriotic former Conservative voter. The BNP is neither left nor right. That is why we are called the British 'National' Party. Our aim is to represent the *wholenation*.

No Let Up In Postal Vote Fraud

In last month's editorial we claimed that fraudulent postal voting was still rife and that it could have deprived around twenty BNP candidates from obtaining 5 per cent of the poll, thereby saving a further £10,000 on lost deposits (on top of the £34,000 that was saved). Since writing that the national media has revealed that more than a quarter of the police forces across Britain are investigating postal vote fraud in May's General Election and even the Government has been forced to say "there are legitimate grounds for concern". Detectives are conducting 25 inquiries in 19 constituencies.

Areas where investigations are under way include: Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Bradford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Bethnal Green and Bow (where Labour's Oona King was defeated by George Galloway of Respect), several other Greater London areas, Greater Manchester, Leicestershire and Hampshire. At the time of writing four men have been arrested.

Although Liberal Democrats have gained from voting irregularities in some areas, Labour has been the main beneficiary, which is to be expected in that despite the Iraq issue they still received most immigrant votes. On top of this, New Labour has been dragging its feet in allowing the Boundary Commission to go ahead and reduce some of the anomalies whereby many Labour inner city Parliamentary seats have fewer than 50,000 electors, whilst the typical suburban and rural seat (mainly Tory seats) have in excess of 70,000 electors.

This sham of our so-called democracy becomes even worse when you consider that Blair has been returned to power with the support of only about one adult in five. If you take away the minimum of 6 to 7 per cent of Labour's vote that came from the ethnic community, then he has been returned to Downing Street with the support of only about 15 per cent of the indigenous white British electorate!

EU Apparatchicks Are Not Giving Up

Those of us who have been round the block a few times know that all along the EU project is but part of the plan for a multicultural, multiracial one word government. The

other major part of that plan is the global capitalist empire, at present occupied in trying to harness the expanding economy of China. Therefore, because France and Holland have voted 'No' to the proposed EU Constitution which would have made it a totalitarian semi-super state, we do not go along with those who are prophesying that the EU is about to fall apart at the seams. There are three reasons for this:

Like good Soviet apparatchicks (and some of them were in their past life), the Brussels bureaucrats show every sign of completely ignoring what the people are saying and are pressing on with the Constitution's objectives regardless. It is for this reason that they have sent the word out that there will be no more votes, from Britain or any other EU country, on the Constitution, because they know that the majority will now say 'No'. Hence the call from Europe's leaders to 'press the pause button' while they sort things out.

Secondly, the British Government is in fact leading the way in refusing to kill off the Constitution by hinting that key sections, including a compromise on our £3 billion rebate despite the pretence of standing firm, could still be introduced without a referendum, which has been supported by the French and the German governments.

Thirdly, this month Britain takes over the rotating presidency of the EU and it is not exactly a well kept secret that to be President of Europe (preferably on a long term basis and not just for six months) has long been Blair's objective. He is supported in this by his long-term ally Peter Mandelson, Britain's European Commissioner. He has urged Blair to stay on as Prime Minister regardless of any deal with Gordon Brown so he can sort out Europe.

More on this next month when the kaleidoscope settles down.

Africa's Need Is To Help Itself

Andrew Rugasira, the black African founder of Rwenzori Coffee Co, a fair trade producer from Uganda, was unlikely to have tuned into any of 'Sir' Bob Geldof's Live 8 rock concerts fatuously aimed at 'eradicating debt and poverty in Africa'. According to a report by James Hall in the business section of the *Sunday Times* of June 12th last, Rugasira has a challenging message for Saint Bob:

"I would say to Bob that the best thing he can do is lobby British supermarkets to give 3 per cent of their shelf space to African products. It is not rocket science."

He is sceptical about the effects that Live 8 or the G8 summit meeting will have on improving Africa's lot. The Rwenzori company was created on the premise that "Africa needs trade - not aid - to fight poverty". Andrew Rugasira says: "Aid destroys creativity. It means that I sit here and wait for you to give me a handout. We need to begin to get policy moving away from aid and towards trade."

Waitrose, which is part of the John Lewis Partnership which practices the BNP belief of "workers partnership", has just signed an agreement to stock coffee from Rwenzori. But it is unlikely that the globalist players, such as Asda, Tesco and Sainsbury, will have anything to do with them, although they may encourage their employees to wear silly wrist straps that proclaim "Make Poverty

History" (even Tony wears one), or allow tin rattlers to ease their liberal consciences by collecting pennies for 'African Aid' outside the supermarket doors. Those white wrist straps, incidentally, are made by sweated labour in China who are paid 60p a day.

When the loquacious Bob Geldof first came up with his facile arguments over help for Africa with the 1985 Band Aid campaign, the main objective was to help the starving people of Ethiopia. They were starving because of the harsh rule and war being waged against neighbouring Eritrea by the Marxist revolutionary, Col Haile Megistu, who had deposed and murdered the old Emperor Haile Selassie. The food that was bought and sent to Ethiopia from Band Aid funds went mainly to Megistu's troops. The cash went to purchase more arms. And the ordinary people continued to starve - although still managing to breed.

As my colleague Lee Barnes has pointed out, the global capitalists and international banks gave African dictators loans to buy guns to kill their fellow Africans, which then triggered the African inter-ethnic tribal wars that caused the resultant mass African immigration crises into the Western nations. Rewarding the banks and bodies such as the IMF with the interest on the loans that funded these endless African wars is not just immoral, it is stupid.

By forcing these impoverished African nations to perpetually repay the interest accruing on those loans will thereby force generations of black Africans, many now with AIDS, to flee systemic African poverty and enter Europe in every increasing numbers. We should also give them back their nurses and doctors that the Western nations have bribed to run our health services as a form of cheap labour, as there is an urgent need for them to help their own people.

We should also make it a requisite that in return for cancelling their debt burden the African nations should be required to defend the rights of the White minorities in such countries as South Africa and Zimbabwe, whom the ordinary African people know can make a very valuable contribution to the African quality of life as well as the European.

Has The Met Given Up Chasing Villains?

We would ask those readers who are police officers to excuse us if we appear to be obsessional in yet again criticising the zealous political correctness that now dominates all police activity and particularly within the Metropolitan Police.

As we go to press a tribunal is being held in East London where three white officers sued the Met for race and sex discrimination. Its former Commissioner (and professed 'scourge of the BNP'), now Lord Stevens, was accused of promoting "a culture of political correctness" in which white officers were "hammered" when black colleagues made complaints about them. It was said that he made an example of white officers to combat racism and politically incorrect behaviour as an approach to be adopted after the infamous 1999 Macpherson report accusing the police of being "institutionally racist"

The Met increasingly resembles one of those extremist left-wing councils of the 1980s.

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Incitement To Religious Hatred

I presume the intent of the proposed law against incitement to religious hatred is to prevent any publication from saying wicked and hateful things such as:

'When the sacred months have passed, slay the Muslims wherever you find them. And take them captive.'

*Scalding water shall be poured upon the Muslim's heads, melting their skins and that which is in their bellies.**

Not nice things to say, are they? However, that is exactly what the *Koran* says about Jews and Christians, so will Mr Blair ban the *Koran* from sale in Britain? No, you can bet your bottom dollar that anyone and everyone will be prosecuted, except one or two religious sects.

I had experience of this recently on *The Daily Mail* web discussion-board. I presented two quotations from the *Koran* for discussion and got myself banned from the site for 'inciting religious hatred' and yet those same quotes are available in every bookshop in the land.

* *Koran* 9:5 *Koran* 22:19 (With 'Jew' and 'Christian' changed to 'Muslim')

Ralph Ellis
Cheshire

>> Big Business Greed

I write as a former Chairman and Chief Executive for eighteen years of two large, highly profitable and very happy companies. All this finished in 1990 with the sale of my last company when it became increasingly clear to me that "big business" was becoming nastier, greedier and much less honest and directors on the whole were abandoning their duty of care towards their employees.

A leading article in *The Daily Telegraph* recently wrote about Terry Leahy, Chief Executive of Tesco, and his £3.2m payout. It also praised the Company for its 'generous' payout for its employees!! I grew up in the halcyon days when the likes of Lord Nuffield, Sir Harry Pilkington, the Frys, and the Cadburys really looked after their employees. Of course they made a good amount of money but firstly they made absolutely sure that their employees came off much, much better pro rata to the directors than those of Tesco of today! For

example, the check-out operator earning £13,000 pa and receiving a windfall! of £4000 in three years is as NOTHING compared to certain Tesco directors more than doubling their income in ONE year!

Twenty five years ago, before Maggie Thatcher's immoral "I'm all right Jack" swept over the nation spawning the Greens, the Roses, the Leahys, and the Lord Browns of the British business world, Chairmen and Chief Executives like me would have been uncomfortable and embarrassed to have such results published and certainly not pleased or proud. Tesco with its often stated policy of providing quality products at low, low prices must be paying their suppliers rock bottom prices otherwise there is no way possible for the Company to announce an annual profit in excess of £2 billion, the largest of any UK supermarket chain ever. If the British public had any moral fibre or buying principles left, it should abandon greedy companies with greedy boards on principle. Shoppers should, in my opinion, refuse to support companies like

Tesco, Topshop, Shell and BP and source all suppliers of goods and services to find out what their stated policy is towards remuneration of directors and shareholders - and, particularly, their policy relating to their purchasing and employee pay and benefits.

David Woolmer. Markyate, Herts

**>> Free Country?
Not For Some!**

I find it absolutely outrageous that in this so-called 'free' country Tony Blair and his ilk are going behind our backs to take away our freedom of speech and a fundamental democratic right. I find it despicable that the leader of the BNP, Nick Griffin, could face up to one day, let alone seven years, in prison for simply criticising Islam in a private meeting. In fact I would find it despicable if he faced this sentence for saying the same at a public gathering in Trafalgar Square. You either have freedom of speech for all or you do not have it for anybody.

It sounds like something from George Orwell's nightmare novel, *1984*. But no, it is Tony's New Britain, as indicated in the new bill which states in no uncertain terms that "the truth is no defence"!

Ponder Voltaire's words of a truly free world: "I may disagree with what you have to say but I will fight to the death to defend your right to say it".

Ellison J. Peterson
Shropshire

» 'Tamper-Friendly' Ballot Boxes

As we approached Ponds Forge Swimming Pool, Sheffield, where the election count was being held on the evening of May 5th, we could hear from several streets away the Anti-'Nazi' League chanting their ritual abuse. We entered to the sound of jeering and cameras flashing, with

the police keeping a distant eye on the situation. Democracy in action! The ballot boxes were not the usual metal ones with padlocks. They were thin plastic boxes with a zip on top (tamper-friendly). In previous years the police had brought in the ballot boxes. But this year they arrived in taxis driven by Asians.

At the end of the evening David Blunkett thanked everyone, except for the British National Party, for fighting a clean election. He also promised that we would never stand again! A Conservative woman told us that in fifty years of being in politics she had never heard such a disgraceful outburst as Blunkett's. We would let him know we will stand again after our encouraging first attempt!

Lynda
Sheffield BNP

>> **Black Faces or
Whites Faces**

Whilst the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) relentlessly pursues businesses in the UK that fail to put enough pictures of ethnic minority faces in their company brochures and other advertising; enthusiastically backed by such bastions of political correctness as B & Q, that very same B & Q have just opened 30 new stores in China where all the advertising, both in-store and in the Chinese press, shows exclusively white faces, with not a single brown or black face in sight! The reason for this being that Chinese people, in their infinite wisdom, and being less brain-washed than ourselves, know that real British people are white, and the Chinese consumer wants to shop at a real British store, not a multi-culti imitation of one.

Closer to home, the same sort of double standard is applied to children's books in France where, according to a recent article in the French press, British publishers who sell English-language children's books in France illustrate all their books for the French market exclusively with pictures of white children, since the French consumer will not buy 'British' books with pictures of non-white children, whom they apparently do not consider to be real English children!

Come on you fellow Brits, let's start speaking up for ourselves! The French and the Chinese put us to shame in defending our race and nation better than we do ourselves!

Diane Kingsley
N. W. London

>> **Democratic Trevor**

While browsing through my cuttings library I found an item from *The Daily Mirror* 05.04.78 concerning a Trevor Phillips. I believe he is the same Mr Phillips who now heads the Commission for Racial Equality. The report said that from a membership of 800,000 students only 537 had an opportunity to vote at the Students Union Conference that year. Trevor Phillips, the left-wing candidate, "swept the board" by obtaining 348 votes, or 0.0004 per cent of the total union membership. Then as now, apparently Mr Phillips is not involved in democracy.

Fred S.Curtis
Norwich

>> **Scare the Criminals
Witless**

For me the most disturbing thing in the ITV film on "Happy Slapping" was not the savagery of the crimes themselves but the behaviour of these criminals after the event. They clearly have no fear of any consequences! They casually strolled away from their crime, reviewing the film and laughing. Meanwhile, large sections of our communities live in fear of street violence.

The balance of fear in Britain has reversed. For example, as a child growing up in the 60s and 70s fear played a big part in my upbringing. Not so much fear of punishment (although that did play some part) but more the fear of letting yourself down, parents, school, class, community, and ultimately of letting your country down. There was a strong sense of national values, traditions and Christian beliefs that shaped many of us. Respect for your elders was a fundamental principle.

The root cause of crime is the criminal! Very draconian sentences (see BNP manifesto) will work. Let's

scare these savages witless and give our citizens their country back

John Heath
Belper, Derbyshire

>> **'Supportership' Scheme
for Ethnic**

Most members of ethnic communities that I have met actually agree with the policy of stopping all further immigration. They also agree with the policy of voluntary resettlement for those who wish to return to their ancestral homelands, even more so when I said they could get financial assistance as well. Many members of the ethnic community will, however, decide to stay in Britain should we become elected to Westminster. Therefore, we must clearly emphasise our position regarding what will happen to them when the time comes.

Whilst I remain committed to the BNP's stance that we should retain our existing membership rules, I also feel that if some ethnic minorities decide to stay in our Country we must put in place a system that allows them to contribute in a positive way should they support our political ideals. Would the idea of a supportership scheme be acceptable to the party faithful for those from an ethnic background who support our political views, pledge allegiance to the nation and the monarchy, and who contribute into society in a positive manner, whilst understanding that they will never be allowed to join our party but will be granted a citizenship status in Britain?

We could benefit greatly by such an idea. Our literature itself could turn many minorities into important party voters in areas where we are popular. After all, at local level our elected councillors have to represent the communities where they live, which means ethnic minorities as well. So why not widen our appeal by clearly stating our policy in detail on this issue. Let's dispel the fear and myths of our opponents and in its place put sensible arguments. Let all see that we have a positive solution to the immigration problems facing Britain: a solution that will benefit us all.

Mike Shore
Hinckley



July 2005

General Election - Internal Review

BNPtv Broadcast quality camera: Just one of the assets purchased during the election

General Election 2005 the Final Review.

» *“Mission accomplished - and some lessons learnt.” The first part of a two-day BNP Advisory Council meeting held in June was an in-depth review of the BNP's most ambitious General Election campaign ever. Central to this was a no-holds-barred presentation by each Regional Organiser of the judgement of key people in their own areas. The following is the party leadership's response to the main criticisms and recommendations:*

Leaflets

A significant minority of local units wanted much more input into the content of their election addresses. It has to be said, however, that very few even took proper advantage of the scope our standard ones had for personalisation and coverage of local issues.

Errors in the spelling of three constituency names might well, however, have been picked up had proof-copies been sent to candidates in advance, so a mechanism for doing this is needed in future. It will, however, require the submission of all required information and photos within the deadlines.

Self-print operation

The biggest bone of contention during the election itself was concern that the self-printed election addresses were of a lower quality than those of other parties. However, when the votes were counted in the handful of areas where we put out similar but professionally printed leaflets, it became clear that they made no difference at all.

Our self-printed operation would have worked even better had it not been for the fact that enough units were late in meeting the payments deadline to force us to delay the purchase of the equipment by more than a week, and that far too many also missed the deadline for submitting their candidate details. Four even gave us the wrong constituency names, resulting in our having to pulp nearly 200,000 leaflets and start again.

Had we been using commercial printers for our election addresses, these local unit failings would have meant that more than a dozen constituencies would probably have failed to get any leaflets out at all. As everything was under our control, by contrast, we were able to cut that number to

just one, although the delay in getting the operation up and running did create a race against the clock which we only just managed to win.

Instead of spending between £800 - £1,000 per constituency on commercial printing and having nothing left to show for it on May 7th, we spent £640 on printing in most seats and now have £50,000-worth of printing equipment with which to produce more and better target ward newsletters and local election leaflets. Now that all these facts have sunk in, the logic and value of the self-print operation have become clear to pretty much everyone.

Missed opportunities in local papers

Our national press office received many calls from local newspapers asking for biographical details, photos and policy statements of candidates. Where we were able to supply them we received some very fair coverage. In order to gain the maximum benefit from such opportunities, in future national elections we need to have such information submitted via email (nothing else is any use) right at the start of the campaign.

Labelled election addresses

In our target seats, two entirely different Freepost leaflets were delivered to most homes by dint of putting individual voters' name and address labels on them. While well worthwhile, this work turned out to be a major drain of activists' time. In future such an operation will be done either by way of automatic mailmerge at the printers, or by printing the main address much earlier so that relatively small quantities of leaflets and labels can be passed out to larger numbers of people to do, particularly older

supporters who are unable to canvass or leaflet.

Broadcasts

Many members of the public loved our TV broadcast, some members of the party loathed it. There is a tendency for political people like us to want broadcasts to be politics-heavy - something that would probably lead most ordinary voters to go and make the tea.

Having now produced a number of both TV and radio broadcasts (a welcome BNP first this election) we now have a pretty good idea of what we can and cannot say and show. Even this year's 'politics-lite' TV broadcast had to be heavily altered to comply with the guidelines, something which both damaged its impact and meant that we actually did very well to get anything broadcast at all.

By the time we next qualify for broadcasts, our own BNPTV capability should be sufficiently advanced to enable us to produce several proposed broadcasts long enough in advance of the election to be able to show them to a number of focus groups of sympathisers and undecided voters before deciding which to use for the maximum public impact.

Enquiries too slow to come back

Some members of the public do actually want to read what parties say in-depth before making up their minds. It may be old-fashioned, particularly when they want to use the post rather than look online, but we must respect this. Next time we hope to have the resources to divide up the bulk leaflet delivery and enquiry processing jobs between different people so that we can respond to enquiries before polling day. In particular, work to strengthen our regional structure should enable tasks such as bulk leaflet distribution and databasing enquiries to be decentralised to regional level.

Manifesto

Many candidates were concerned that the Manifesto was launched to the media before they had a chance to study it, leaving them potentially vulnerable to being asked questions they simply couldn't answer. This very valid point has been taken on board for the future.

A number of members have suggested that potentially controversial issues should be avoided in such documents, on the grounds that "they give the media

grounds on which to attack us." While we understand the argument, we believe that it rather misses the point:

The fact is that the BBC in particular was compelled by its own rules to cover our Manifesto launch, but was also forced by its own anti-British bias and the NUJ's Code of conduct to do so from a hostile perspective. Even a Manifesto full of nothing but Motherhood and Apple Pie would therefore have been presented with hostility, almost certainly with the usual smears about "BNP criminals" and allegations of 'Holocaust Denial'.

Since, by contrast, the Manifesto did contain several radical policy proposals - notably for the phased introduction of a responsible Swiss-style armed citizenry and the abolition of income tax - they were covered instead. Hence, for the first time ever, we had discussions albeit brief and distorted - about BNP policies, rather than criminalising smears. Of such small steps must our progress in the teeth of unrelenting hostility be made.

As noted in the June issue of *Identity*, the Manifesto is in some ways a marked departure from the last such full document produced for the 1997 General Election. It contains a number of proposals which members are likely to want to debate, or even change. Articles for *Identity* criticising or expanding upon our Manifesto commitments are therefore encouraged throughout this summer, with the debate culminating in the first ever BNP Conference, scheduled for 19th November.

Were we right to concentrate?

Our tactic of concentrating on regional seats was resented by a few candidates and activists who wanted to spend more time in their own constituencies. The plain fact is, however, that a couple of extra weekends-worth of work by a handful of people in a parliamentary constituency is never going to make more than a fraction of a percentage difference to the vote. But concentrating that much time from a number of different BNP teams in one seat per region can and did make a real difference.

An extra half-a-percent in seats all over London, for example, wouldn't even have been noticed by the public, whereas the extra effort put into Barking helped produce a record vote that made national headlines and gave us an added credibility factor which will last some considerable time.

So, yes, we were right to concentrate our efforts, and we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Candidate training

A number of people asked for more candidate training, particularly in dealing with the media and for appearances at hustings meetings. Our quite widespread involvement in the latter was one of the surprise bonuses of the 2005 campaign, and is a clear indication of our continued move into the 'acceptable' mainstream.

So while the question of time and resources always presses hard when it comes to training, this clearly is becoming a more and more pressing need. Our Personnel Department is already working on the first stage of this much-needed drive to increase our media-savvy by pushing to improve the presentation skills of all national and regional officials.

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Next Big Push - Key Target Set

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» The local council elections of May 2006 were recognised a full year ago as being more important to the BNP than the recent General Election. Grass-roots parties without big media backing can only break through by concentrating at local level first, establishing firm bases of community support before moving on to bigger elections.

The only thing we still weren't sure about was whether to press for the largest possible number of BNP candidates next May, or to restrict the number somewhat and concentrate in key wards. In particular there have been suggestions that we should aim to contest the 1,000-plus wards (one-sixth of all those up for grabs) that would give us another five-minute TV broadcast.

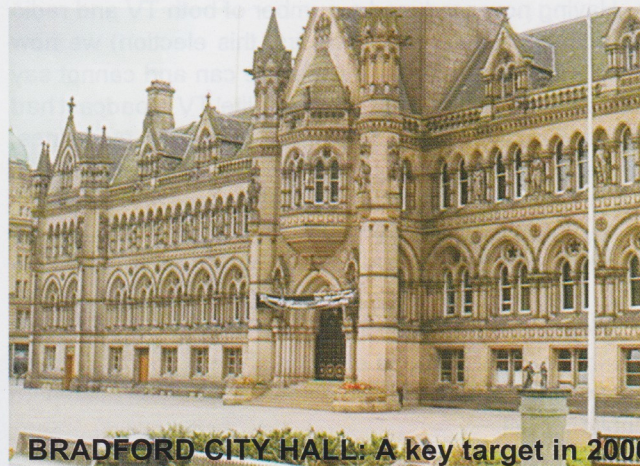
This possibility has been discussed at length at the latest meetings of both the Policy & Strategic Planning Group and the Advisory Council. The conclusion from both is that, while we fully expect to stand a record number of seats next year, to try to contest 1,000 would take so much national, regional and local energy that it would lead to us doing very little else for the entire year.

This in turn would mean that we would be unable to roll out our planned programme of providing the templates and training needed to make top quality localised local newsletters dealing with real community politics the norm rather than the all-too-rare exception.

RAISING THE GAME

It is clear that our opponents have found several ways to 'raise their game' when it comes to efforts to stop us winning more council seats; we must therefore improve our own techniques. So now is not the time to spread ourselves even more thinly by putting so much effort into standing in a huge number of seats that we fail to do things without which we will not win any.

Our target for May 2006 is therefore simple: To double the number of seats we hold. To do that we will have to defend a number of BNP seats up for re-election, win an



BRADFORD CITY HALL: A key target in 2006

average of two extra seats in every borough where we have ever won a seat, and win in several areas where we have never taken a seat before.

This is a *very* tall order. The only way we can hope to come anywhere near reaching such an ambitious target is to start the serious work towards it *now*.

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They are won not by putting out half-a-dozen leaflets per house next April, but by putting out a good local ward newsletter every other month from now on. They are won not by the work of the same overstretched team of the organiser and two or three super-activists, but by those few and by four or five extra helpers per ward who realise that time is running out and that merely attending meetings and chucking a few quid in the hat isn't enough.

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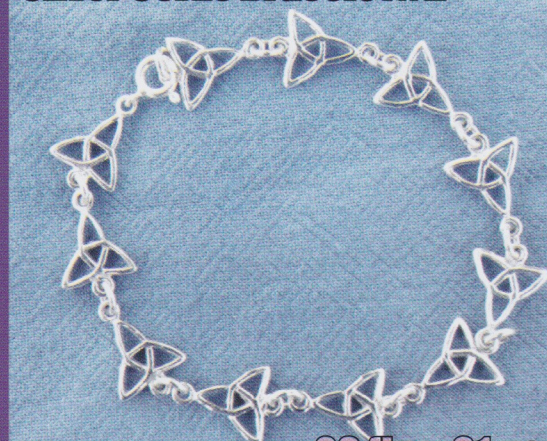
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